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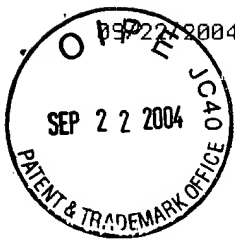
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**NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27 (g)(2), the undersigned registered attorney of record appointed to the above-referenced application, hereby gives notice that Applicant is no longer entitled to small entity status.

Accordingly, the issue and publication fees are being paid at the other than small entity rate. Should any other fees be due, please charge the required fee or credit any overpayments to the Deposit Account of the undersigned (Deposit Account No. 500601).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Sept. 22, 2004

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